Director, FBI

10/8/47

Re: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGS" SINGEL

Previous to the death of STEGEL, advised Agents that ex-EAPD officers were making more money than he, working as guards at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas for "BUGSY" STEGEL.

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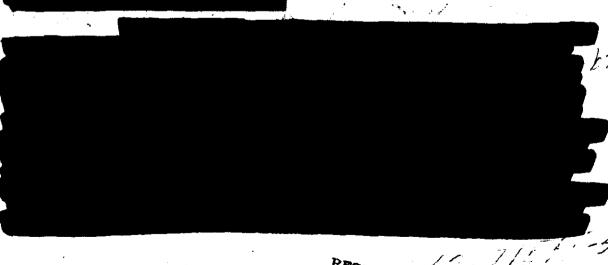
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He was asked for specific statements to which he objected and he said he had nothing along that line, but the newspaper publicity on September 30, 1947 with respect to your talk before the FMI Mational Academy Retraining Session in the local papers played up your remarks with respect to glamourising Riegel. He said he also had brought back to his mind statements reported by the press on your recent trip to loc Angelos. I pointed out to him that the press had made some inscourate statements and that you had not directed criticism against any particular local police described.



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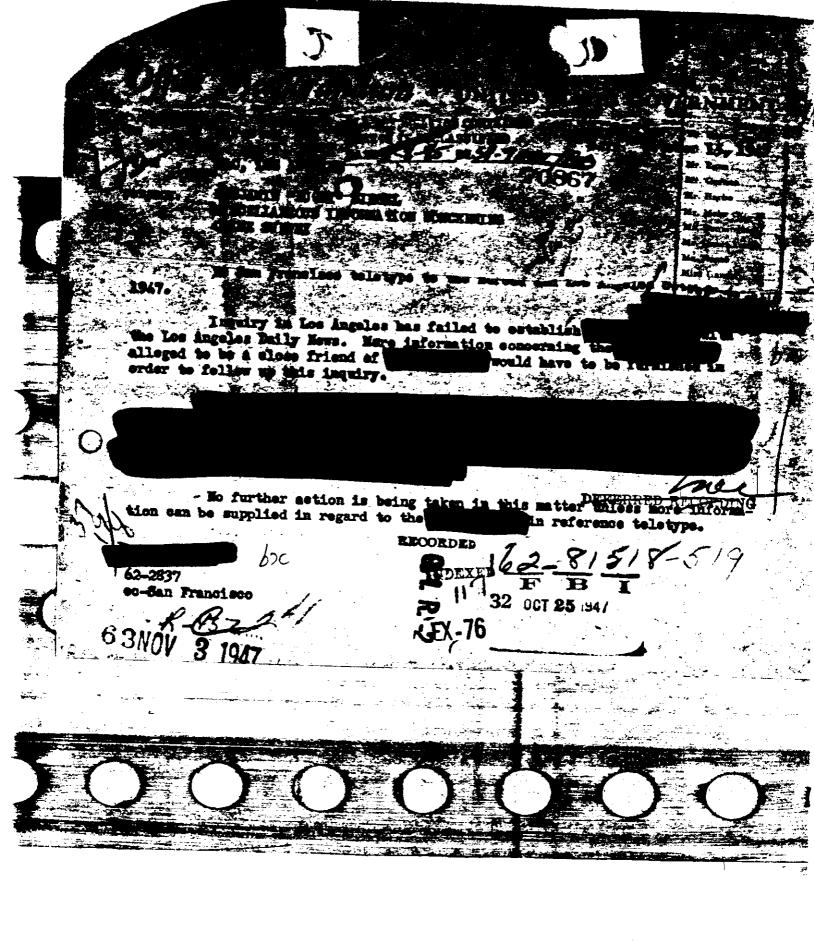
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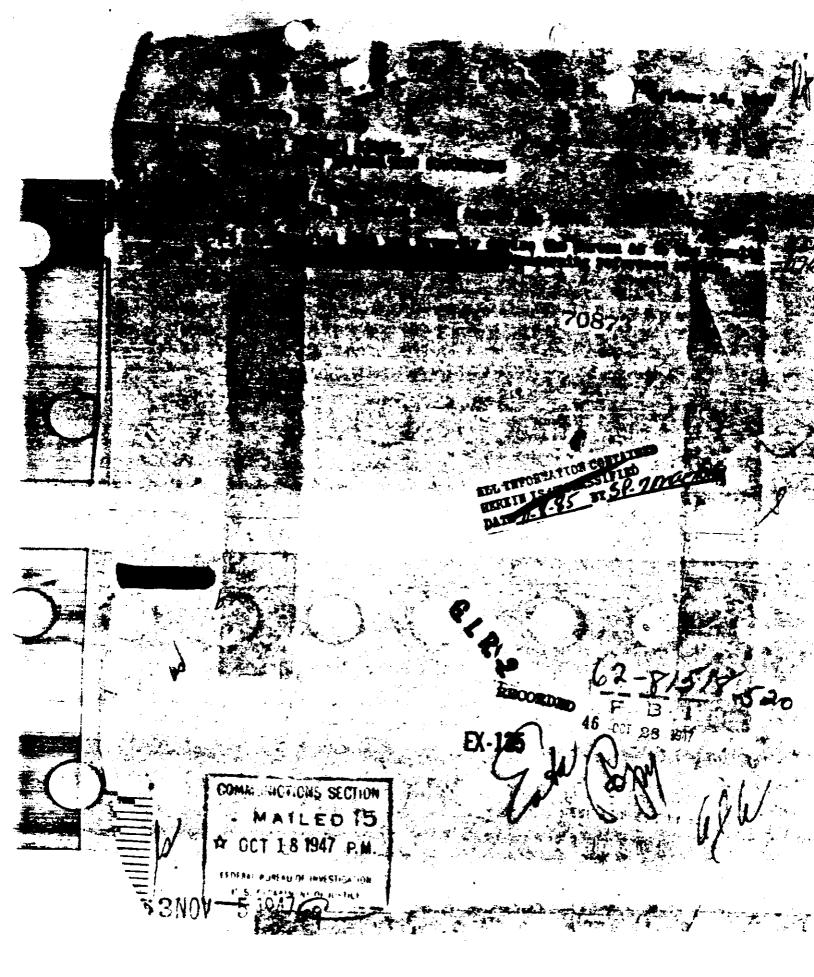
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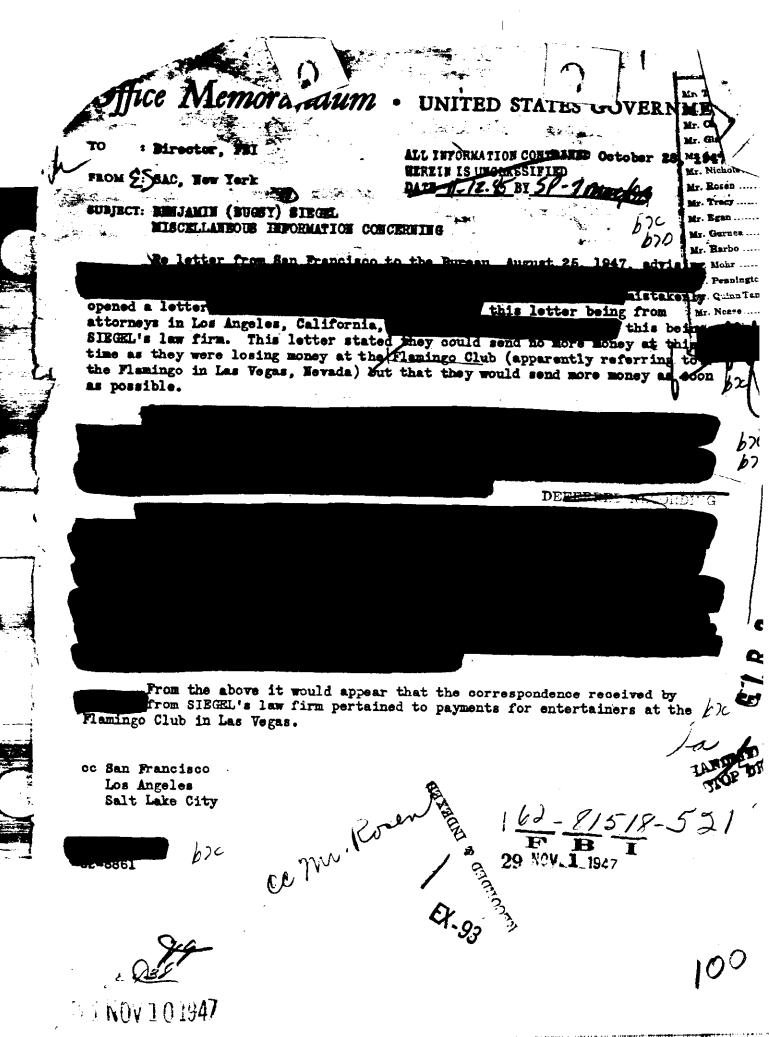
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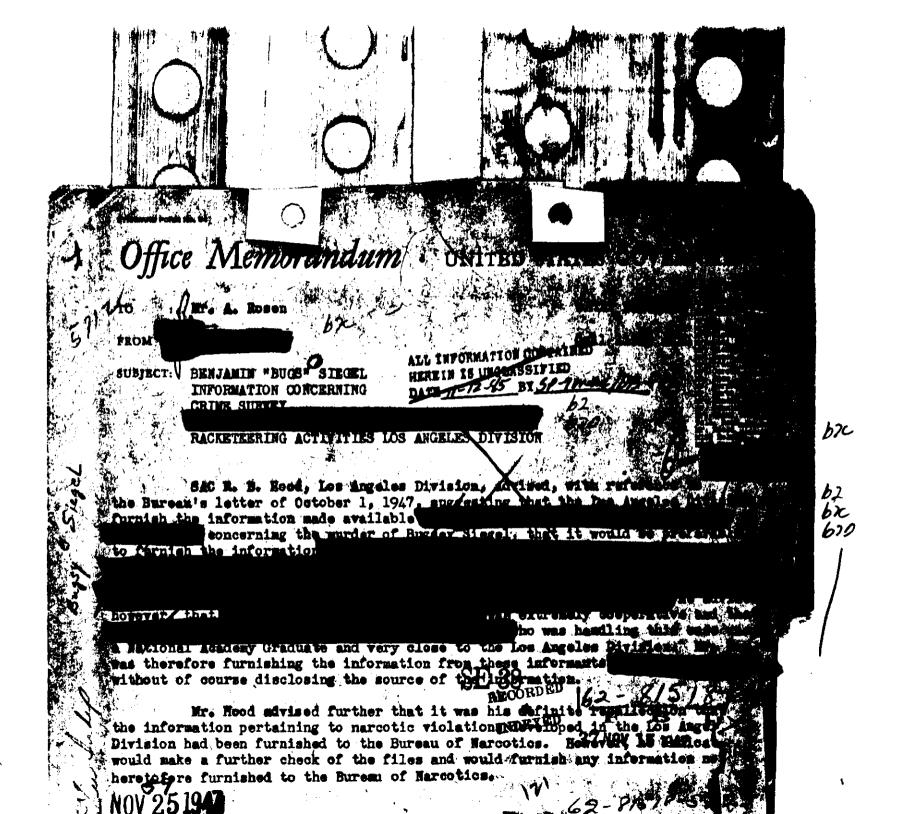
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stice Memorandum. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO Director, PBI - AIR WAIL SAC, San Francisco SUBJECT: BERJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL (deceased) INFORMATION CONTAINED INFORMATION CONCERNING HEREIB IS UNCLASSIFIED 11-12-95 BY SP-7 MAC For the information of the Bureau and the other California Divisions the following information was furnished by alleged to have been in bad graces just before the killing, because of wire service trouble, and they may have been ones who hired the gummen. ر تک were allegedly out of town on the day SIEGEL was killed. advises he does not know how much credence can be placed in the above information, but that seemed sincere in telling him the above requested that his name be held in the strictest confidence. TANDERDET PECORUE! STOP DEST LOS Angeles San Diego bic GIUECII 18

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE:

December 13, 1947

SUBJECT:

IMPORMATION CONCERNING

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The attached newspaper clipping appearing in the Washington Post today reflects that Virginia Hill, paramour of the late Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel, is presently recovering from an over dose of sleeping pills.

Considerable newspaper publicity has been given to the previous excessive use of sedatives by Hill. This last attempt appears to be the fourth time Hill has been found in an unconscious condition as a result of excessive use of sleeping pills. You will recall that just prior to Siegel's murder Hillhad an argument with him at Las Vegas, Nevada and shortly thereafter was found in a drugged unconscious condition. The next occasion occurred immediately after the Siegel murder while Hill was in France. Shortly after the second attempt, Hill returned to this country and, while residing at her residence at Miami Beach, Florida, again was found in an unconscious and drugged condition.

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN

This is being submitted for your information.

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# Siegel's Friend Is Recovering

Miss Hill had registered at the Paradise Inn here November 24, as "Mrs. Norma Hall of Chicago." Two days ago a maid found he unconscious in her room.

Virginia Hill 62-81518 CLOSURE

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Benjamin Siegel was born in New York City on February 28, 1906. His ax and Jeannie Siegel. 1719 67th Street. Brooklyn.

Siegel has described himself as a "Betting Commissioner" and "Investment Broker" with an income of \$50,000 per year. He stood 5 feet 9 inches tall, was a dapper dresser and weighed 157 pounds.

While a youth in "Hell's Kitchen" in New York, Siegel made kid-gang contacts which later were to prove extremely useful with Frank Costello, Meyer Lansky, Charles "Lucky" Luciano, Joe Adonis, Jacob Shapiro, Louis "Lepke" Buchalter and Abraham "Longie" Zwillman.

#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK CITY

During the time that Siegel was in his teens, bootleg racketeering became a major activity for the underworld. Siegel formed an alliance with Meyer Lansky, a boyhood friend, and they formed the "Bugs and Meyer" Gang to convoy liquor between New York and Chicago. Because of the raging fits of temper which Siegel was capable of displaying at the slightest provocation, he became known to his associates as "Bugs", a nick-name which he hated.

In addition to hauling and guarding liquor for other people, Siggel and Lansky also branched out into bootlegging interests of their own. //Hey started running in from England expensive White Horse liquor and they also began muscling into the operations of the "Waxey" Gordon Gang which controlled liquor outlets in Metropolitan New York. Siegel is credited with promoting the infiltration of the "Waxey" Gordon territory which was principally achieved through a series of gangland killings. Following such murders the Bugs and Meyer Mob would take over territory as well as personnel relinquished by the Waxey Gordon Gang. Moe Sedway, who had been an important front man for Waxey Gordon's liquor business because of his legitimate contacts in the hotel and entertainment fields. was taken over by Siegel with the dissolution of the Waxey Gordon Gang just as other assets of that Gang were absorbed. RECORDED

By the time Prohibition was repealed Ningel and Lansky had reached the summit of their New York criminal careers and allied themselves with certain

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other mobsters becoming known as "The Big Six" or "The Combination". This group included in addition to Siegel and Lansky who took sare of bootleg liquor interests, Charles "Lucky" Luciano, who handled prostitution and narcotics, Abe "Longie" Zwillman, who handled gambling and Buchalter and Shapiro who organised the first large-scale kickback and shakedown rackets in legitimate business and industry.

#### TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS TO CALIFORNIA

Following the repeal of Prohibition, the Siegel-Lansky operations in The Big Six began to lose their former importance and the large distillers and liquor distributing agencies which had been built up during Prohibition were eventually sold by Siegel and his crowd to legitimate and semi-legitimate interests. Siegel left New York for California leaving Lansky in charge of the remaining liquor operations of The Combination. Siegel first operated in California from his sister's home at 721 N. Doheny Drive in Beverly Hills. This sister's husband "Sol" Soloway was taken in as a Siegel mobster. From the beginning of his activities in California, Siegel exchanged money and counsel with The Combination leaders back East.

Among Siegel's early activities in California was the investment of funds in various hotels, restaurants, and real estate. Part of this money came from The Combination and Siegel utilized gangster tactics in muscling in on the profits of other restaurants and night clubs. Siegel was also believed to have handled narcotics during his residence in California. During the war Siegel also took over a legitimate manufacturing plant which he named The Mercury Engineering Company and successfully obtained aircraft war contracts amounting to approximately \$20,000 per month. At the end of the war Siegel disposed of the plant and liquidated the assets.

#### AFFAIRS WITH

#### VIRGINIA HILL

Siegel's wife left him during their residence in California and later obtained a divorce. Following the split with his wife, Siegel sold his mansion in California and began living in exclusive apartments and hotels. He carried on an open affair until he grew tired of her and moved from her apartment to the former estate of Rudolph Valentino called The Falcon's Lair, #2 Bella Drive in Beverly Hills, where he took up residence with Virginia Hill.

Virginia Hill apparently had unlimited funds some of which came from three prior marriages and in addition to being a done addict has been described as yulgar and obscene.

Virginia Hill is reputed to have taken an interest in some of Siegel's enterprises during their relationship,

both Siegal and Hill were involved in marcotic and prostituion operations.

Early in June, 1947, Siegel had a violent quarrel with Virginia Hill at which time he allegedly beat her so badly that she still had visible bruises several weeks later. Immediately after the beating she took an overdose of narcotics in a suicide threat and was taken unconscious to the hospital. Upon recovery she immediately arranged to leave for an extended trip to Europe.

Siegel, earlier in his residence in California, had an affair with according to Hewsweek Magazine Siegel accompanied on a trip to Europe where she introduced him to the most prominent aristocracy of Italy as an Wimportant AmericanW.

#### EXTENSION OF ACTIVITIES TO LAS VEGAS

Among his other activities, Siegel had organized the bookmakers in Southern California and was most anxious to obtain the West Coast franchise for the Continental Race Horse Wire Service owned by James M. Regen. Sr., in Chicago.

Siegel then joined me Combination in a fight against Ragen in an effort to take over Ragen's wire service and in this connection he pushed a rival service called Trans-American News.

Following his entry into Las Vegas Siegel rapidly expanded his activities to include the operation of night clubs and restaurants. His usual technique was to obtain a cut in the profits through intimidation.

In California Siegel had allied himself with and had used this means or extorting money from key figures in the movie industry by threatening to expose their criminal connections In 1945. immediately after the end of the war, Siegel planned the building of a \$3,000,000 hotel in Las Vegas where the principal interest would be a gigantic gambling casino.

Other partners in the Flamingo Hotel project included

The hotel was completed at a time of acute material shortages despite pressure for veterans' housing and restrictions of the Civilian Production Administration. The gambling casino opened on December 26, 1946, but attendance was disappointing and a second opening night was staged two days later. Siegel had arranged to have a number of movie stars present but despite his activity the project appeared to be a financial failure from the start.

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#### KILLING OF SIRGEL

On June 19, 1947, Siegel left the Flamingo Hotel and went to Virginia Hill's newly acquired mansion in Beverly Hills. He want out for dirmer with

After dinner Siegel and were alone in a downstairs room at the house when someone fired mine bullets into the room through a window. Siegel was killed.

The killing appeared the work of a professional and experienced killer who had used a light-weight semi-automatic carbine rifle. Two bullets had struck Siegel in the head. Siegel was buried by his brother, Dr. Maurice Siegel at a small funeral and his assets all disappeared.

The killer has not yet been identified, but California authorities are conducting an investigation based on the following theories:

- That 1. had "put Siegel on the spot".
- That Virginia Hill's brother had killed Siegel because of his treatment of Virginia Hill.
- 3. That the Criminal Syndicate killed Siegel because of loss of money on the Flamingo Hotel.
- That Moe Sedway and Gus Greenbaum killed Seigel over an argument concerning the racing wire service.

### GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES

Siegel has been responsible directly or indirectly for at least 30 murders. Among those with which he has been linked are the murders of Harry "Big Greenie" Greenberg, a top member of the Louis Buchalter Gang, Murray Marks, Harry Mevers and Rill Weisman.

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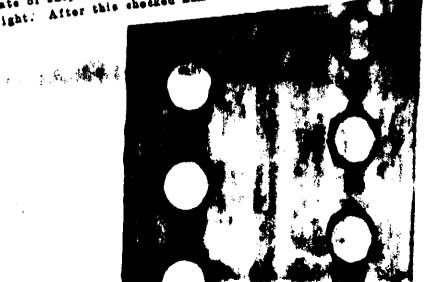
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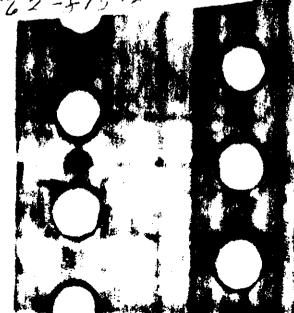
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

One of the Bugsy Siegel mobsters, whose hideout at 136-05 Sanford Ave., Flushing, N. Y. was vacated last Fall, has been and may still be concealed by one of the women occupants of 42-16 Murray St., Flushing, N. Y.

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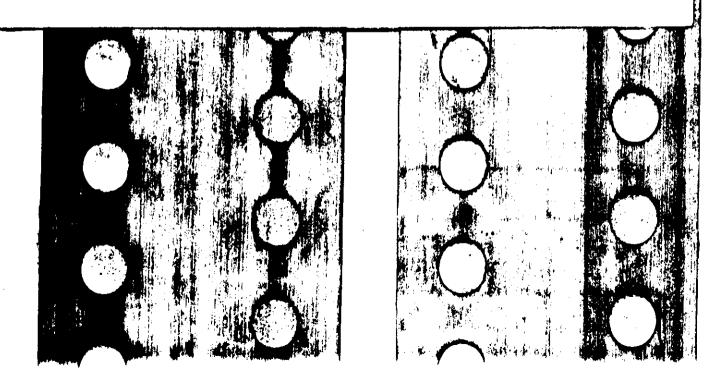






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Very truly yours,

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ALL INFORMATION COME HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

I have received your letter of April 27, 1948, in which you request that I assign Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assist you in conducting investigation into the killing of Benjanin "Bugay" Siegel

The Federal Bureau of Investigation to authorized to conduct investigation only in cases in which there is a violation of a Federal Statute. From the facts available to me concerning the killing of Stegel, I am unable to find therein any indication of a violation of a Federal Statute within the Bureau jurisdiction, and, consequently, it is impossible for me to conduct any active investigation of the case.

The facilities of the Bureau's Laboratory and the Identification Division are, of course, amilable to you for whatever service they may render in this case, and you may be assured that if the Bureau in the course of its regular operations obtains any information relating to the Stegel case, is willing promptly transmitted to you.

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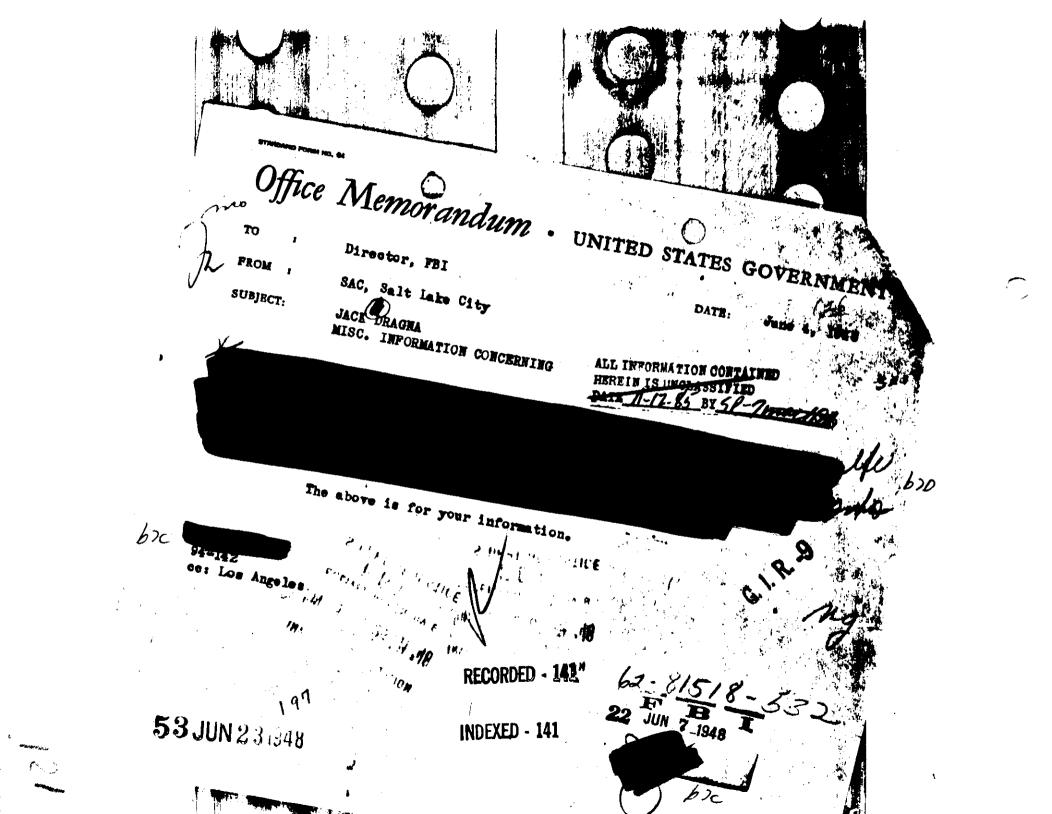
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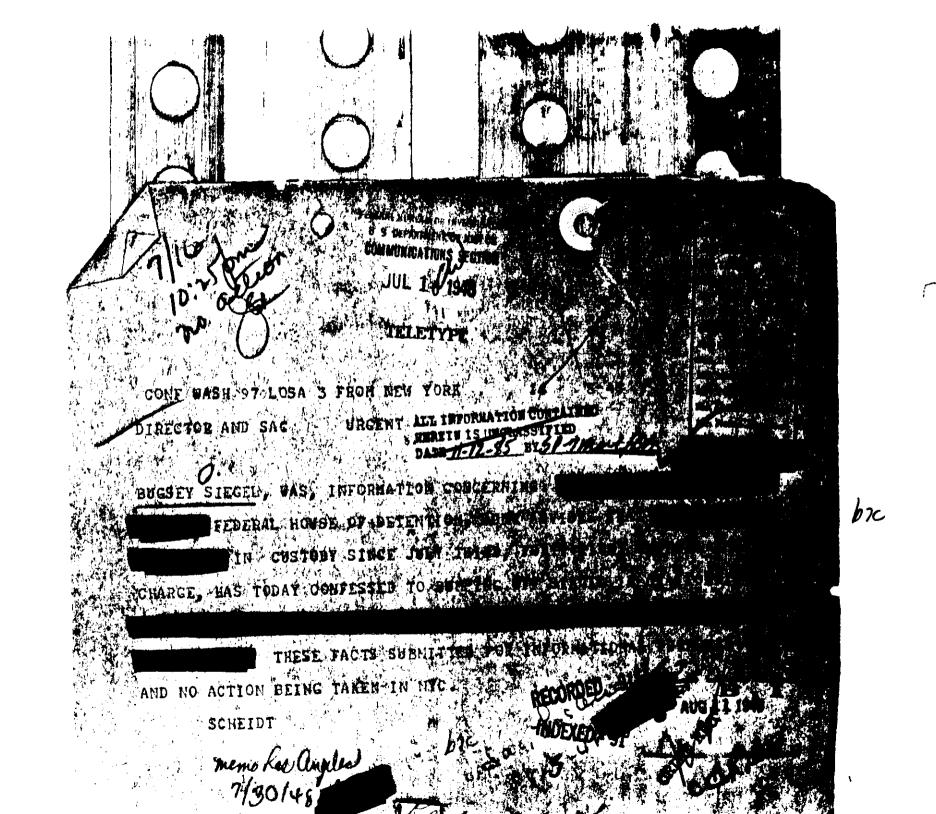
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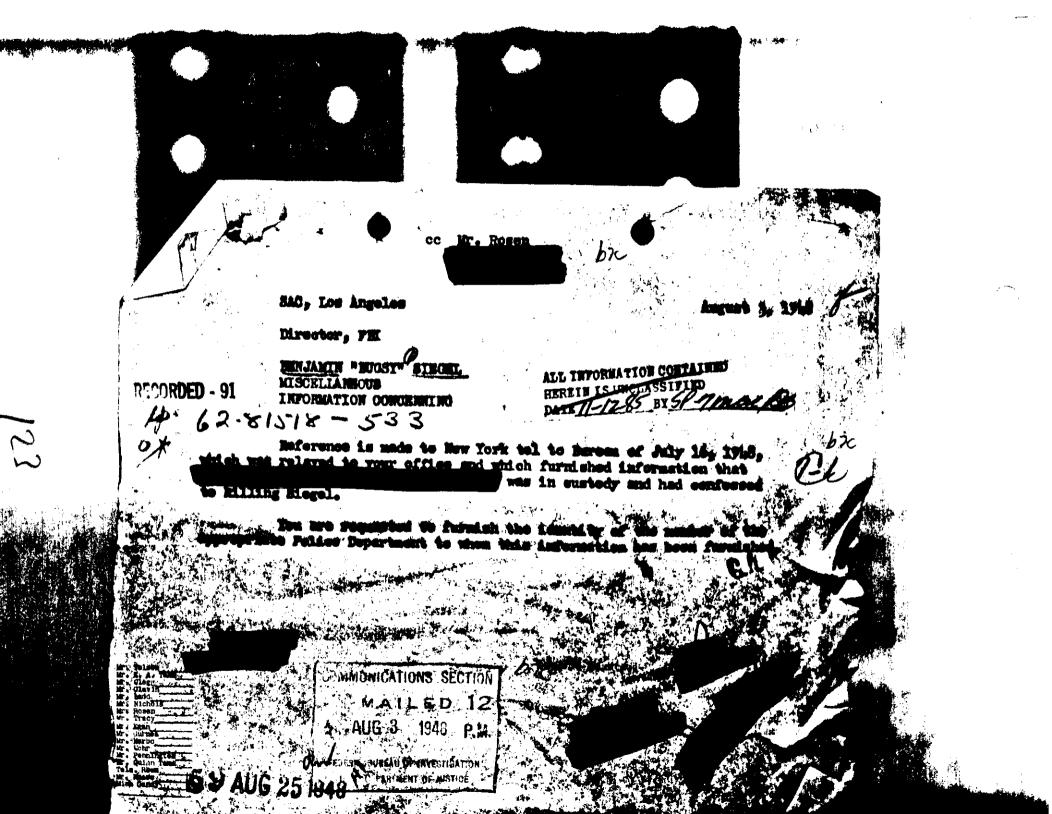
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Sederal Bureau of Investigation Antied States Department of Sustice Los Angeles, California August -19, 1948 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING Rebulet August 3, 1948. Information contained in New York teletype to the Bureau of July 16, 1918, concerning the purported confession of was furnished to Beverly Hills Police Department. The killing of SIECKL took place within the city limits of Beverly Hills, California, and of the investigation of the murder. has charge bic said he would consider writing a letter to Federal Parole Officer in New York City, asking him to put certain questions pertinent to the killing to test the credibility of also stated he has received information of dozens of confessions made by psychopaths to this killing. He did not indicate what the pertinent questions were, but said answers to them would definitely eliminate any suspect. No further action being taken here. Very truly yours. R. B. HOOD. SAC LIR MATI G. I. R. -2 <del>02=</del>2387 cc: New York 55 AUG 22 18 RECORDED . 37 INDEXED . 37 5 AUG 28 1948

#### OFFICE MEMORANIUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 9/21/48

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THE EXECUTIVES! CONFERENCE

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF LOGS

The Executives' Conference today with Messrs. Tolson, Mease, Mohr, Carlson, Glavin, Tracy, Harbo, Fletcher, Nichols, Clegg, Ladd, and Rosen in attendance unanimously approved the attached letter to the Los Angeles Division granting authority for the destruction of the logs presently maintained by the Los Angeles office in connection with the "Racketeering in Los Angeles Field Division" file and the technical surveillances on Benjamin Siegel, since all of the pertinent information in these logs has been set forth in investigative reports.

Respectfully, For the Conference

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Mr. Ladd

One of the theories of Siegel's murder was that Virginia Hill, while in New York en route to France, may have informed Adonis and other members of the syndicate concerning Siegel's actions. However, no factual information was ever developed which would tend to verify that Hill took such action or that Adonis or the syndicate was responsible for Siegel's murder. (62-81518 ser. 461)

#### CONCLUSION

It appears that Walter Winchell's informant has furnished garbled information and that the reference to may have been intended to refer to Joe Adonis. It is noted that the attachment bears the notation, "This reads wild".

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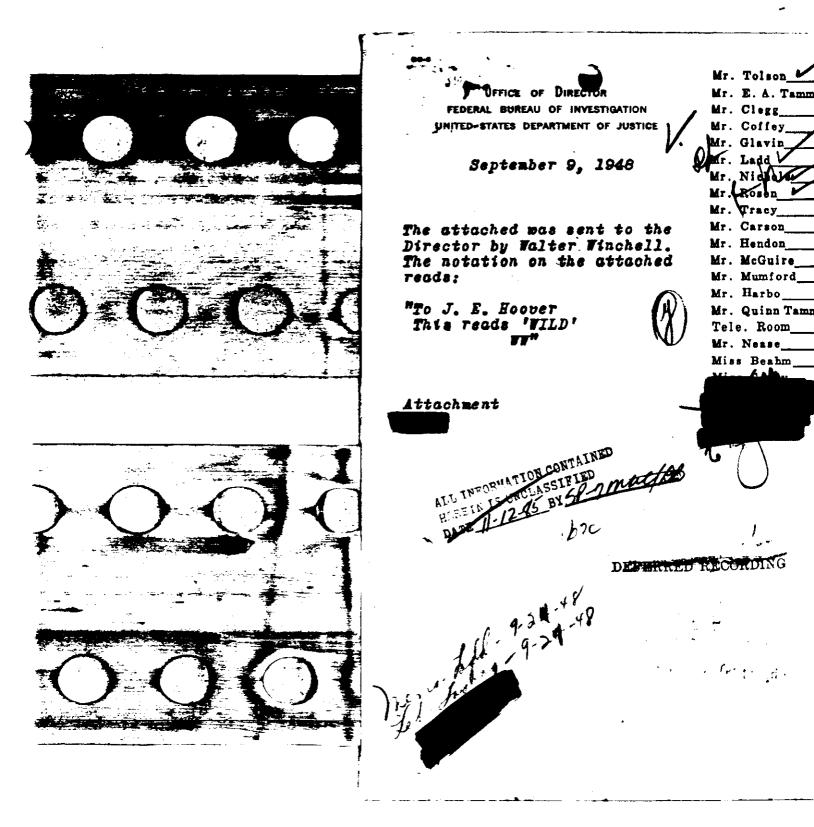
#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Los Angeles Division be advised of the receipt of the above information and directed to furnish the same to the appropriate police department. It is also suggested that no investigation be undertaken in connection with this matter, but that the Los Angeles Division be requested to ascertain if possible from its files the identity of the person who reportedly occupied the penthouse next to Siegel and who furnished the information mentioned above.

If you approve, the attached letter will be sent to the Los Angeles

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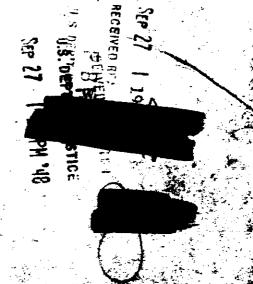
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We importing in to be conducted by your office on the basis of the above, however it is suggested that the partisent information be made available to the appropriate palice department. It is also desired that the files of your effice be checked in an effort to secretain

s Dureau should be advised of the results of this search

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#### Rederal Bureau of Investigation

#### United States Bepartment of Justice

Los Angeles, California November 2, 1948

Director, FBI

BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL Re:

CRIME SURVEY

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Rebulet \*9-27-48.

A check of Los Angeles files failed to reflect any person wh occupied a penthouse at the Chateau Marmont Apartments, 8821 Sunset Bouleward, Hollywood, California, next to that in which BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL and VIRGINIA MILL previously resided.

has advised that there was no adjoining penthouse next to that of VIRGINIA HILL at this apartment house. The only apartment on the same floor as VIRGINIA HILL's penthouse was a very small apartment which has been occupied for many years by

This apartment is far removed from the penthouse and not within hearing distance. However, the terrace adjoining that of the penthouse is public and available to any apartment house resident or outsider who is desirous of using same. It is possible that any house guest or other person using this terrace could have overheard conversations between SIEGEL and HILL while they were on the terrace of DEPERDED RECORDS their penthouse.

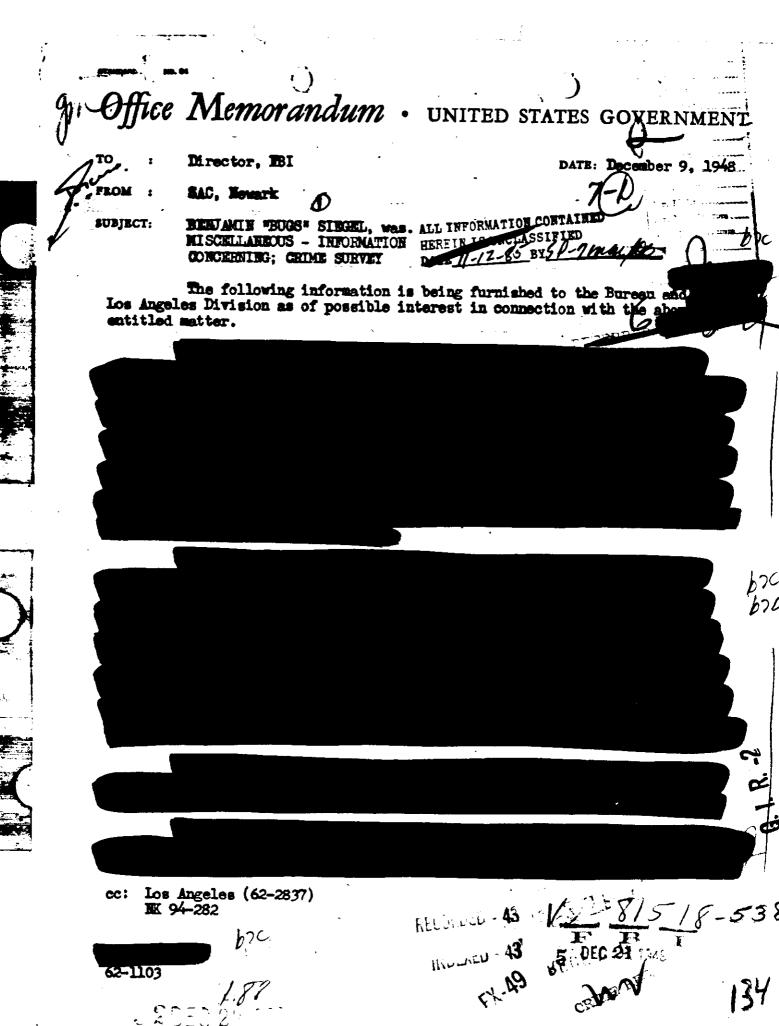
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MAKELERican of the recent newspaper publicity given to Beverly Hills b: bublic statements that he knows who killed SIEGEL, it is not deemed advisable at this time to furnish the information set out in reference letter to any local law enforcement agency here.



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ment before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on October 26, 1948 to furnish what information he knew concerning the SIEGEL killing. It is further noted that In connection with the information set out in reference letter, states that VIRGILIA HILL was a former prostitute and last a paramour of JOE DONIS, New York racketeer and partner of FRANK COSTELLO. This informant had no information concerning VIRGINIA HILL's 62. 620 association with Very truly yours, Covered in the to R. B. HOOD, SAC



Letter to Director, IBI IK 62-1103

December 9, 1948

The above information was voluntarily given and in furnishing it he stated that he realized that there was nothing that could be done for him in connection with his case by the Bureau and he wanted to make it clear he was not bargaining for any assistance.

It sight further be stated that at the time of the above interview furnished information pertaining to other pending cases in the Bewark Division which he obtained by reason of his association with defendants in these cases and this information appears to be reliable and may be of considerable assistance in these cases.

In the event any further information in instant matter is secured from this source, it will be furnished to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Division.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

Director, FBI

DATE:

January 7, 1949

Q FROM

SAC, New York

SUBIRCT:

BENJAMIN "BUGST" SIEGEL:

MISCELLANGOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the telephone calls between at the Bureau and Assistant Special Agent in Charge A. H. Belmont in New York on January 5th and 6th, 1949.

On January 3, 1949, an informant of this office advised that while frequenting barrooms, etc., and contacting members of the underworld, he had been tipped off that the killer of REBJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL was

This information case to the informant from several underworld sources, one source stating that the helivered a package" for the who are alleged to be well known racketeers on the Vest Coast. The informant further advised that this is a friend of the leader of the gambling syndicate in New Jersey, and as such, a national figure in the underworld in this country, as the New Jersey syndicate controls to a large extent the gambling activities throughout the country.

The indices of this office fail to reveal any information on The Crime Surveys of the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions which are available to this office were checked for information with negative results.

It is understood that the information naming was as the killer of \$70 SIEGEL was furnished to the Bureau by the Newark Division by letter dated December 9, 1948.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

R. A. ROSE

DATE: January 10, 1949

FROM

SUBJECT:

DRATH OF "BUGSY" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

TIME OF CALL: 2:50 PM

ASAC A. H. Belmont advised that

information picked up concerning the circumstances under which Siegel was a legedly killed, had been informed at the time he furnished the information, that the matter was not being investigated by the Bureau.

Mr. Belmont stated that today who dropped into the office on another matter, stated that having been informed by the New York FBI Office that the killing of Bugsy Siegel was not being investigated by the Bureau decided to have the information referred to the appropriate California authorities through his contacts in the NYC Police Department. Stated that he did not know any of the police officials in Los Angeles and vicinity and decided to have the matter referred to the local authorities through some NYC Police Officers whom he knew.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 1,40/49

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DEATH OF "BUGSY" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS

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ASAC Al Belmont, New York, advised that voluntarily appeared at the New York Division January 5, 1949. According to Mr. Belmont, has on several occasions in the past furnished information of interest to the Bureau on a purely voluntary basis.

informed that he is currently working on regarding the New Jersey gambling rackets. It is expected that this story will be released in approximately ten days. While making underworld contacts for source material to use in the proposed story. Said that he learned from "several sources", further unidentified, that

well known racketeers on the West Coast, on Bugsy Siegel."

stated that this information was interpreted by him to mean that

was the individual responsible for the killing of Siegel.

further

reported that

is a friend of whom he identified as one of the

leaders of the gambling syndicate in New Jersey.

Mr. Belmont stated that he has informed that this Rureau has not investigated and is not investigating the death of "Bugsy" Siegel since no viriation of Federal statutes is involved. Mr. Belmont/further advising that the information indicating that is responsible for the filling and any other data he has bearing on this crime should be made awailable by him directly to the Los Angeles, California, Police Authorities who have furisdiction over this case.

Mr. Belient's attention was directed to a letter received by the Bureau from the Newark Division, copies of which were designated for Los Angeles, deted December 9/1948, reflecting similar data reported to the Bureau by This information reported that according to

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stated that he does not know the identity of the men who performed the actual killing but he believes he will be able to ascertain their identity ahortly and when he secures this information, he will advise the Bureau.

Mr. Belmont stated that he was preparing a letter immediately for the Bureau, Los Angeles, and the Newark Division setting forth the full facts as reported

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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### Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: January 11, 1949

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SAC, New York

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

BENJAMIN "BUGGY"

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DAME TO THE BY SO-1 MAN

In accordance with the telephonic conversation between Inspector of the Bureau and ASAC Belmont of this office, there is forwarded herewith, in the form of a menorandum, information furnished by relative to gambling conditions in New Jersey. The attention of the Bureau and the Newark office, which is receiving a copy of this letter, is again directed to the fact that <u>furnished this</u> information in confidence Consequently, the information should be treated

in a confidential manner.

Reference is made to my letter of January 7th, entitled as above, indicating the possibility that killer of BUGSY SIEGEL. On January 10, 1949, ras again informed that this Bureau has not and is not investigating the BUGSY SIECEL case. It was, howver, suggested to him that he may wish to bring this information to the attention of police authorities on the west coast. He widdwised that he had contemplated doing this and was going to arrange through reliable contacts of his in the New York Police Department to relay this information to reliable authorities in the Los Angeles Police Department. pointed out that he realized that none of the information he furnished in this matter pertains to a violation within the jurisdiction of the FBI. Nevertheless, he thought it would be of value to us from the standpoint of general knowledge of criminal conditions.

For the further information of the Bureau and the Newark office, on the morning of January 10, 1949.

personally called to see SAC Scheidt. In substance he advised that his attention had been drawn to the fact that more or less open gambling was going on in the City of Rahway under the auspices of individuals who appeared to be New Yorkers rather than local characters. Because of his faith in the integrity of the FBI, he desired to know whether the FBI could conduct an investigation leading to the cleaning up of the City of Rahmay from the standpoint of this gambling. SAC Scheidt informed that this matter did not come within the jurisdiction of the FBI and consequently it would not be possible for us to conduct an investigation. He suggested that this information to the attention of the constituted authorities of the City of Rahway

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the extent of the alleged FBI training. However, he advised that once in the past he received an anonymous latter relative to gambling conditions in Rahway and he had passed it on the contraction or appropriate attention, but that nothing had ever been done that it would do any good to turn his current information over the advised that he does contemplate going to find the State of New Jersey, although he indicated that he likewise was not sure of

dvised that he would be glad to discuss any further details in this matter with our Newark office should it become necessary in the future. The information concerning the visit of the was telephonically furnished to the Newark office by SAC Scheidt on January 10th.



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cc - Newark (enc.)



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TO

Director, FBI

DATE: July 20, 1949

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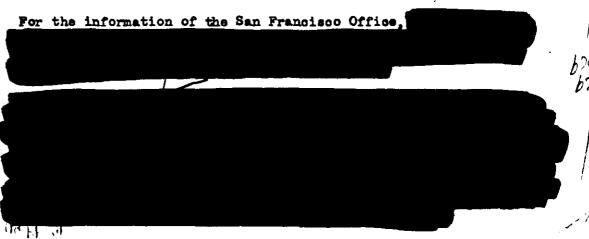
SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "HUGGSY" SIEGEL: POLICE COOPERATION

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The enclosed letter, the contents of which are self-explanatory, was recently sext to SA of this office, by

Copies of the above mentioned letter are being furnished to the San Francisco and Salt Lake City offices with the suggestion that unless the Bureau otherwise advises, the contents be furnished to the appropriate police officials in San Francisco and Las Vegas, Nevada.



Copies of this letter are also being sent to the Chicago and Los Enc. (1)

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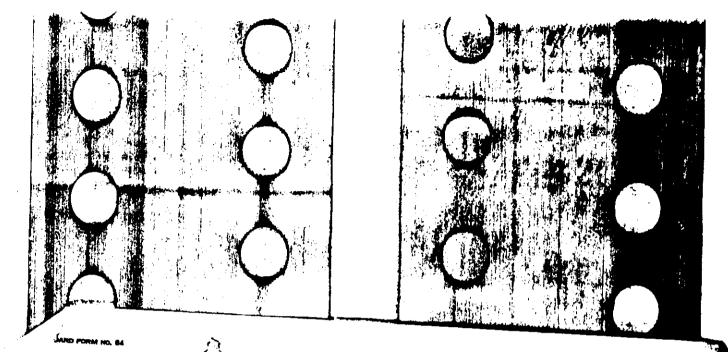
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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: August 2, 1949

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIECEL POLICE COOPERATION

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Re Buffalo letter to Bureau, July 20, 1949

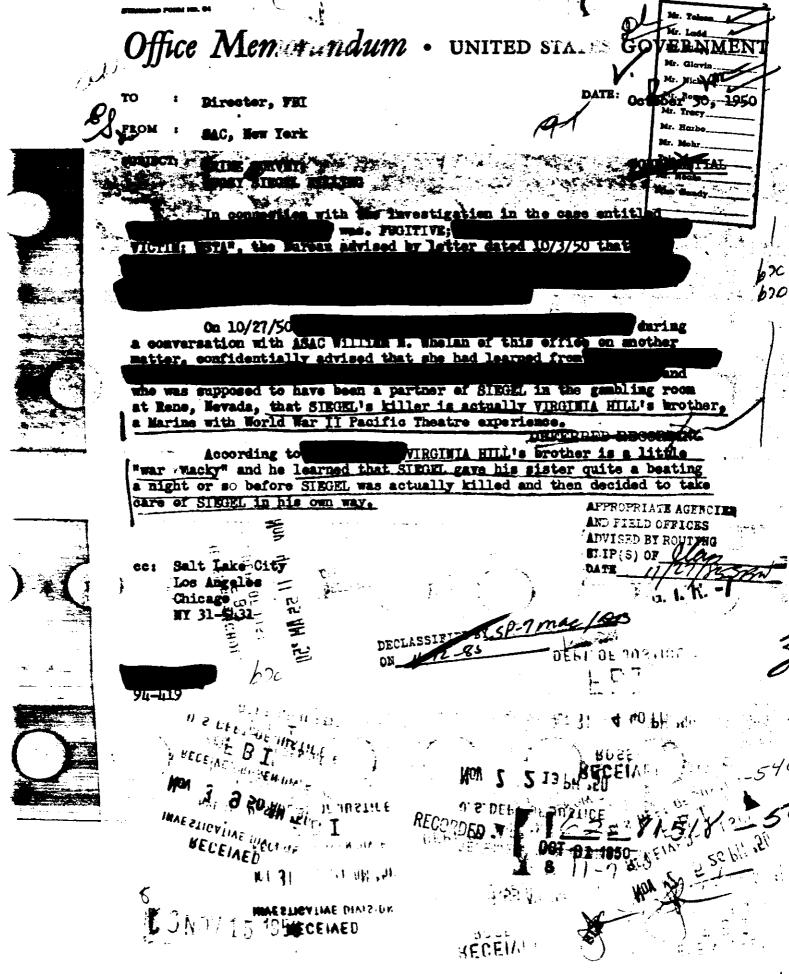
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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 1, 1951

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SAC, Los Angeles

SUBIRCT:

BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL; MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING GIIF (Bufile 62-81518)

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory .

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By letter dated August 27, 1947, this office transmitted

three carbine cartridge cases obtained from
then of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's
Office, who had received these cartridge cases from an officer
of the Beverly Hills Police Department. It was stated that these.
cartridge cases were found on the grounds at the scene of the murder
of captioned subject in Beverly Hills, California on June 20, 1947.
The Laboratory was requested to examine these cartridge cases for
possible comparison purposes at a later date with firearms of the
same caliber.

By letter dated October 2, 1947, the Bureau advised that an examination had been made of these cartridge cases and it was determined that marks on the cases were not sufficiently distinct for comparison with test specimens from suspected carbines. A few similarities were found between the extractor marks on two cases but they were of such a nature that it was not possible to identify these cases as having been loaded into or extracted from the same It was stated that it may be possible to identify the extractor marks on these cases from tests of suspected weapons. was then requested that additional cartridge cases be forwarded to the Laboratory for examination from the scene of this murder and by letter dated January 21, 1948, the Bureau advised that as no additional specimens or test cartridge cases had been received in the Laboratory for comparison in this matter, the three cartridge cases previously examined and temporarily retained in the Laboratory were returned to this office and they were subsequently delivered to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

The murder weapon in the SIEGEL killing has never been identified.

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while being sought as a Bureau fugitive on an Unlawful Flight To Avoid Prosecution - Murder Charge in which the San Francisco Office was origin, stated that he had received a photostatic copy of a

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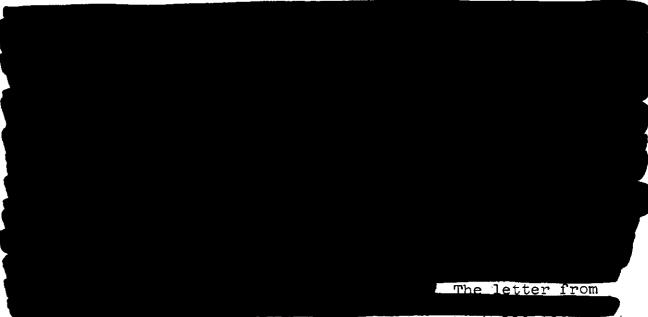
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Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory

August 1, 1951

RE: BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL;
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION
CONCERNING - GIIF.



reflects that the FBI had been requested to make ballistics tests from these two weapons.

There have been some suggestions that perhaps is a suspect in the murder of SIEGEL also.

Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory

August 1, 1951

RE: BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL;
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION

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From the correspondence available to the Los Angeles Office, it is not possible to tell whether the RBT Laboratory made an examination

made, whether a comparison was made with the cartridge cases submitted by this office in connection with the SIEGEL murder.

It is requested that advice be furnished to the Los Angeles Office as to whether such a comparison has been made or is feasible to be made at the present time in an attempt to determine whether the carbine recovered

could possibly have been the murder weapon in the SIEGEL case.

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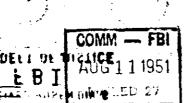
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There is, as pointed out in a Marcon letter of October 2, 1947, s considility of identifying the extractor marks on two of the three eartridge cases with the weapon from which they were fired.

In view of the abuve. You may desire to obtain these three cartridge ban cases and request the to obtain the weapon or test eartridge cases from the weapon from the or examination in the laboratory.

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## Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen W

DATE: January 29,

FROM :

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Call: 10:55 a.m.

SUBJECT:

Confession of "Bugsy" Siegel Murder

G. I. R. -10/

ASAC Earl Brown called from Albany with reference too an inquiry he had received from the Associated Press concerning the above-captioned individual.

Brown stated that

Brown stated that it appears that has made confessions to the Syracuse Police to the effect that he had been to church in Syracuse and his conscience bothered him and he wanted to admit that he was the assassinator of "Bugsy" Siegel, who was shot to death in his Beverly Hills, California, home.

ASAC Brown stated that he made no confession or admissions concerning the Siegel case to Special Agent The Syracuse Police are cognizant of the fact that the Siegel shooting is a matter of local interest to the Beverly Hills. California. authorities and are in contact with them.

#### ACTION TAKEN:

(1) Brown was informed that the Bureau is not investigating the "Bugsy" Siegel murder and that this is strictly a Beverly Hills police investigation.

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(2) Brown was referred to in Mr. Nichols's office, who advised him that he should answer press inquiries to the effect that the Bureau interviewed at his request but it was determined that he reported no violations of Federal law to the Bureau. If any inquiries are received concerning the "Bugsy" Siegel shooting, Brown was informed that he should advice the press that this was a Beverly Hills, California, police matters.

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ce - Mr. Nichols

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: DIRECTOR, FBI February 4, 195 SAC, ALBANY (62-646) INFORMATION CONTAINED BENJAMIN SIEGEL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNI CRIME SURVEY Re: On the afternoon of January 20, 1954 the Syracuse, New York Police Department and advised he was the person who had killed BUGSY SIEGEL. When questioned regarding the details of the SIEGEL slaying, was very vague as to the location of SIEGEL's home and the date of the murder. He informed of the Syracuse Police, that he had fired a shotgun through SIEGEL's window and had fled from the scene on foot, using alleys and backstreets. He was vague regarding his disposition of the gun or his actions subsequent to the murder. On January 29, 1954, at 9:00 a.m., of the Syracuse Police Department, telephonically contacted the Syracuse Resident Agency and advised that refused to discuss anything further with the police department and had requested that an FBI agent be sent to see him. refused to answer any question regarding the SIEGET urder 12-81511 - 549 FER X 1950 DED - **50** 200: Los Angeles Fnc1 (2) SEXED-50 count savote.

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The Syracuse Police Department advised they were going to hold until they received some word from the police authorities in California regarding his possible connection with the SIEGEL murder.

It is to be noted that refused to discuss anything fregarding the SIEGEL murder with a Bureau agent and he also refused to make any comment when he was asked if he were involved in any violations of the law in which the FBI or any other law enforcement agency might be interested.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by the Albany Office and this is being furnished for information purposes.

There are enclosed herewith clippings from the Syracuse Post Standard for January 29 and 30, 1954.

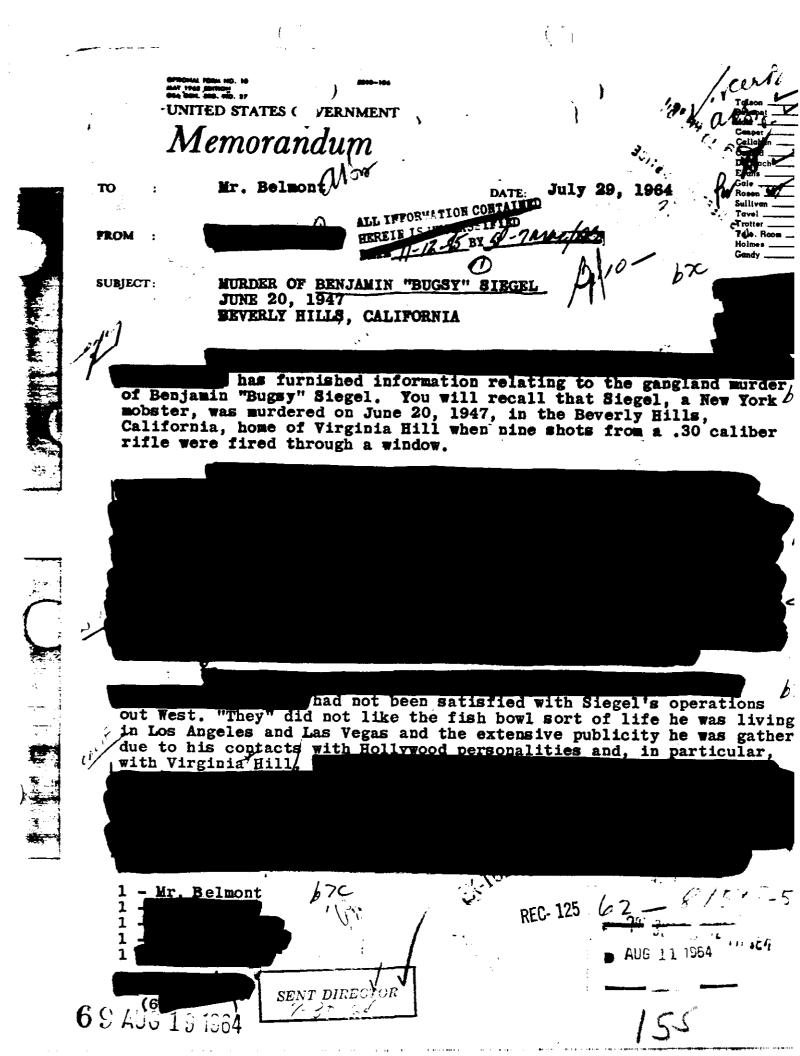


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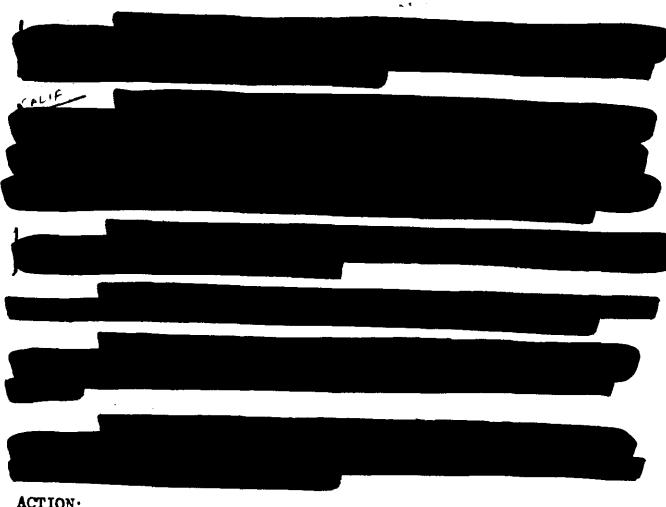
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont Re: MURDER OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL



ACTION:

For your information.

UNITED STATES GC RNMENT MemorandumMr. DeLcach 10-22-64 DATE: ALL IMPORMATION CORP. THE **FROM** SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL By letter 10-18-64, subject indicated he is gathering material for a defin tive biography on the life and times of the late Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel. state he is having difficulty running down information about Siegel's early years in New York and wonders if the FBI could fill in these gaps. RELATIONS WITH We have had cordial relations with and have for hished him mate for various stories he has done in the past. 67C BENJAMIN "BUGG" SIEGEL: Siegal was, of course, the underworld character who wa -19-6 . الْهَالَّهُ الْمُالِّهُ الْمُلِيَّةِ الْمُلْكِيِّةِ الْمُلْكِيِّةِ الْمُلْكِيِّةِ الْمُلْكِيِّةِ الْمُ in gangland style then nine shots were ed through a window. NOT RECORDED 167 OCT 30 1964 Continued on next page 1 - Liv. DeLoach - Enclosure

M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo RE:

Inasmuch as we have assisted the subject of his proposed biography, Siegel, has been dead for some years, it is felt we should cooperate in this instance.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be forwarded material will be furnished to him in the near future.

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DeLoach NITED STATES GOVERNMENT Mohr. Bishop  $\it 1emorandum$ 7-10-69 то Tele, Room Holmes bac SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING ALL INFORMATION CONTAI CRIME SURVEY 5 BY SP-7 MAG Bulky Exhibit File Number: 62-81518-256 We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file. RECOMMENDATION: That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material. Other Disposition .**1<del>86</del> JUL 14 19**69 Reason for Decision This bulky exhibit consists of photostatic copies of hearings held during 1946 by the Civilian Production Administration, San Francisco, Calif The hearings pertain to the construction of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Neva of which Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel had an interest. During 1946 the Bureau initia an investigation concerning the possible perjured testimony given by Siegel when 62 Signature of Reviewing Supervisor appeared before the CPA Board. Mr. E. A. Tamm's undated memorandum filed 10-24-46, recommended that investigation into Siegel's possibly committing perju be discontinued. The Director concurred. It is also noted that Siegel is deceased In view of these considerations, there appears to be no reason to retain this bulky enclosure. DESTRUST 78JUL 141969

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#### Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Supervisor

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DATE: August 9, 1946

FROM

SUBJECT: DENJAMIN (BUGS) SIEGEL

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CRIME SURVEY

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Special Agent A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF telephoned from the Los Angeles Field Division at 5:30 P.M., August 9, 1946, advising that there is a special investigation being conducted concerning the subject and he is coming to San Francisco either Sunday night or Monday night. The Attorney General has authorized technical and microphone surveillances of this subject.

He is building the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Bevada, and it is believed that actually this hotel is to be operated by a gambling syndicate as a gambling house, and it is alleged that there is a CPA violation in the construction of this building because the priorities on the building materials are obviously not being made available for the construction of such building at this time. There is an allegation that he received the necessary materials by bribery.

After this inquiry was begun, the CPA at Washington, D.C., sent out ofder stopping construction of the hotel, and SIEGEL, of course, is interested in continuing the construction and he is to be given a hearing in San Francisco on Tuesday before FFA. He will be represented by Les Veras. Two there who probably will be in attendance ar of the Dell Webb Cometruction Company who have the contract to erect the notel building. Advice has been received that is making reservations for SIEGEL and himself at least at the Palace Hotel.

A check should be made through contacts at the Palace Hotel to determine if the reservations have been made and for the exact time and dates. Thereafter, if technical or microphone surveillance become feasible, the Bureau should be phoned for authority to make such installations on SIEGEL. No surveillances of any of these men are desired, and no contact should be had by this office with CPA. The only thing to work on is to determine if contact or microphone surveillances can be made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF August 12

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FROM

ASAC

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN SIEGEL, we Bugs Siegel

Crime Survey - Los Angeles, California

ASAC A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF of the Cincinnati Field Division, who is presently at the Los Angeles Field Division on special assignment in connection with the above-captioned case, telephoned at 11,50 AM today from Los Angeles, informing that SIEGEL is proceeding to the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. He advised this information is not definite and is based merely on a side remark made by SIEGEL in a conversation regarding other matters. He stated it is definite, however, that SIEGEL is leaving Los Angeles and is proceeding to San Francisco by plane at 12:01 this afternoon. He did not know which airline SIEGEL would use. He described SIEGEL as

Age Height Weight Hair

519" 157 dark; either black

or brown, long but well-trimmed .

Eyes

blue

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Complexion Appearance Dress

tan Jewish usually wears blue suits, Hollywood shirts with long pointed collars.

no hat

62-2812-5 OSTHOLTHOFF advised SIEGEL was not under full-time surveillance at Los Angeles, but that he was picked up occasionally to determine his contacts and associates. He suggested we provide similar coverage here, in addition to the technical sources previously requested. He stated we should probably cover SIECEL from the airport to the hotel, in order to determine definitely where he will maintain headquarters. The above information was telephonically relayed to Supervisor at 11:45 AM.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

ASAC VAN PELT

DATE: August 12, 1948

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BENJAMIN SIEGEL, alias Bugs Sieg

Agent OSTHOLTHOFF telephoned from Los Angeles at approximately 12:50 p.m. today making reference to a previous telephone call to ASAC VAN PELT this morning in which he advised ASAC VAN PELT that BENJAMIN SIEGEL was to leave Los Angeles for San Francisco via Western Air Lines at 12:01 p.m. Agent OSTHOLTHOFF stated that agents of the Los Angeles Office have definitely placed SIEGEL on a Western Air Lines plane for San Francisco and that he was due to arrive at the San Francisco Airport at 1:55 p.m. He stated that SIEGEL when departing from Los Angeles was wearing no hat, a brown tweed suit, white sport shirt, dark glasses with tortoise shell rims. He left alone and was carrying a newspaper when he boarded the plane. No baggage was observed by the agents, and apparently same was checked through, and accordingly OSTHOLTHOFF was unable to furnish a description of the baggage. He stated that he believed Agent was handling the case and requested this information

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DATE: August 26, 1946

FROM :

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

CRIME SURVEY

On August 11, 1946 I telephonically contacted ASAC A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF of Los Angeles from Mills Field. California, and advised him that subject, were leaving Mills Field for Los Angeles on Flight 329 of the Western Firlines. He was furnished the description of the subject and associates.

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## Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SAC, San Francisco

DATE: August 26, 1946

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL:

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

CRIME SURVEY

On 3:30 P.M., August 10, 1946, I telephonically contacted ASAC A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF at Los Angeles at which time he advised that subject had contacted at Lake Tahoe and wanted of the CPA.

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ASAC OSTHOLTHOFF Further stated that it was expected that the reservations at San Francisco would be made by for subject at Las Vegas or by the Del Webb Construction Company. He stated they had nothing definite on this and if and when they received any definite information concerning reservations by subject or any of his associates he would notify this office.

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SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN (BUGS) SIRCEL Miscellaneous - Crime Survey

3813 DATE: September 5, 1946

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Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF called from Los Angeles this morning at 9:15 with reference to our conversation last evening. Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF stated he had talked with Supervisor at the Bureau inquiring as to whether the Bureau desired that we go to and suggest he might desire to place the witnesses in the Flamingo note! hearing today under eath. Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF stated replied that we should NOT go to

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Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF stated that the fact that VIRGINIA HILL, mistress of SIEGEL, is along on this trip is rather unusual; he stated both SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL have been talking about going east sometime in the near future, probably to Chicago or New York City. Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF said that while he doubted SIEGEL would leave this area for the time being, in view of the Flamingo Hotel situation, it might well be that VIRGINIA HILL would go. In this regard he stated that, of course, if SIEGEL left, we should place him on a plane and wire ahead to the proper effices to discreetly cover his contacts, and further if VIRGINIA HILL leaves, we should also place her on a plane and wire shead to the appropriate offices so that a discreet physical surveillance can be placed on her to determine her activities and contacts, in view of the fact they might pertinent to this matter.

The above information was immediately furnished to Supervisor

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BENJAMIN (BUGS) SIRGEL Miscellaneous - Crime Survey ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF called from Los Angeles at 4:45 PM today advising that information had been received from a reliable confidential source at Los Angeles that SIEGEL is planning to leave Los Angeles this evening, probably on a 6:00 PM plane, for San Francisco, in order to be in San Francisco tomorrow to attend the CPA hearing in connection with the Flamingo Hotel project.

Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF stated that the Los Angeles Office will endeavor to place SIEGEL on the plane and will call this office as soon as it is known just what plane on what airline he is traveling. Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF stated this office should endeavor to give SIEGEL the same coverage on his visit on this occasion as on his previous visit. In this regard he said there is no information available as to what hotel he will stay in in San Francisco, although he recalled that SIEGEL and members of his group stayed at the St. Francis and Palace Hotels during their last visit.

He stated that in the event microphone coverage is placed, of course the Bureau should be advised, even though the Bureau has given blanket authority to make such coverage.

Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF further stated that information has also been received from a reliable confidential source that an individual nemed who is apparently an investigator employed by the CPA from Washington, is supposed to arrived in San Francisco this morning by Western Airlines plane from Las Vegas and Los Angeles and is presently dictating his report on inquiries made by him at Las Vegas concerning the Flamingo Hotel project. He says that SIEGEL has reportedly indicated to an informant at Las Vegas last night that he was trying to figure out some way to get

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Further information has also been received from a confidential informant in Los Angeles that Senator McCARRAN may become interested in this because to the extent that he may endeavor to influence CPA Commissioner that his decision in connection with this matter should be favorable to SIEGEL.

interview in connection with the above matter, but that the Bureau back has stated this should NOT be done, but that this office should maintain discreet surveillance not as an investigation, delayable of Justice supplement our surveillance on SIEGEL.

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The Bureau specifically pointed out that, of course, the surveillance should be most discreet and is to be only a physical surveillance and possibly a check of his incoming and outgoing calls. No microphone or technical surveillances should be place

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Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF stated there is no description available on nor is there any information available as to what hotel he may be staying in in San Francisco, but that his whereabouts should be determined and a surveillance commenced as soon as he can be located.

Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF stated he would communicate further with this office as soon as the travel information on SIEGEL is available.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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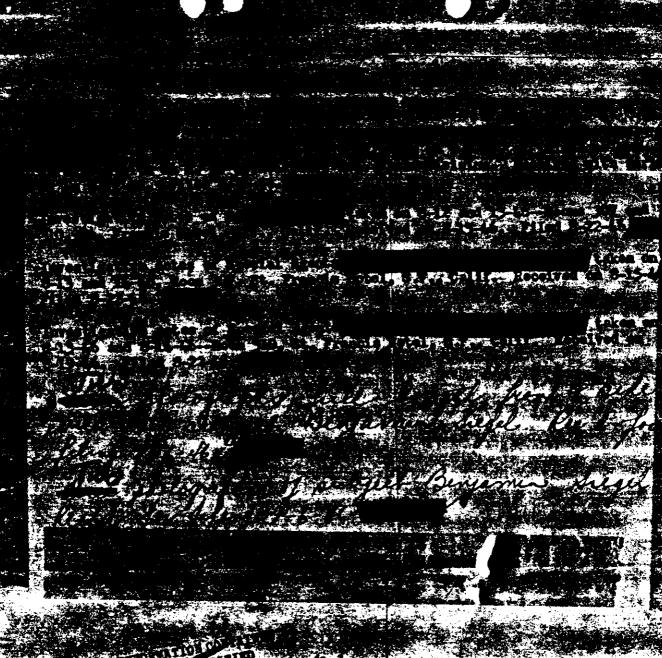
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